

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An electrically heated cigarette for an electrical smoking system, comprising:
 - a tobacco rod including a free-flow filter and a tobacco-containing mat having a tubular form;
 - at least one sorbent; and
 - a flavoring-release additive including at least one flavoring, wherein the flavoring is releasable from the flavoring-release additive by heating the electrically heated cigarette to at least a minimum temperature within the electrical smoking system that generates tobacco smoke without combustion of the igniting the tobacco-containing mat.
2. (Original) The electrically heated cigarette of Claim 1, wherein the sorbent is activated carbon.
3. (Original) The electrically heated cigarette of Claim 1, wherein the sorbent is zeolite.

4. (Original) The electrically heated cigarette of Claim 1, wherein the flavoring is (i) menthol, or (ii) vanillin and gamma octalactone.

5. (Previously Presented) The electrically heated cigarette of Claim 1, wherein the flavoring is selected from the group consisting of menthol, mint, chocolate, licorice, fruit flavors, gamma octalactone, vanillin, ethyl vanillin, breath freshener flavors, spice flavors, methyl salicylate, linalool, bergamot oil, geranium oil, lemon oil, ginger oil, and tobacco flavor.

6. (Original) The electrically heated cigarette of Claim 1, wherein the flavoring-release additive is in the form of beads.

7. (Original) The electrically heated cigarette of Claim 6, wherein the beads comprise a binder selected from the group consisting of palm oil, konjac gum, hydroxypropylcellulose, xylitol, zein, sorbitol, maltitol, and hydroxypropylmethylcellulose.

8. (Original) The electrically heated cigarette of Claim 6, wherein the beads have a maximum particle size of less than about 25 microns.

9. (Previously Presented) The electrically heated cigarette of Claim 6, wherein the beads have a maximum particle size of less than about 1 micron.

10. (Previously Presented) The electrically heated cigarette of Claim 6, which comprises up to about 20% of the beads by weight, based on the total weight of tobacco in the electrically heated cigarette.

11. (Previously Presented) The electrically heated cigarette of Claim 6, wherein the beads comprise up to about 20% of the flavoring by weight.

12. (Original) The electrically heated cigarette of Claim 6, wherein the minimum temperature is about 40°C and the beads are disposed in at least one location in the electrically heated cigarette that reaches at least about 40°C during smoking of the cigarette.

13. (Previously Presented) The electrically heated cigarette of Claim 6, wherein the beads are disposed in the tobacco rod, in a void between a tobacco plug and the free-flow filter, on the free-flow filter, on the tobacco-containing mat, and/or on an inner wrap surrounding the tobacco plug.

14. (Previously Presented) The electrically heated cigarette of Claim 1, wherein the flavoring-release additive is in the form of a film.

15. (Original) The electrically heated cigarette of Claim 14, wherein the film comprises a binder selected from the group consisting of carraghenan, gelatin, agar, gellan gum, gum arabic, guar gum, xanthum gum, and pectin.

16. (Original) The electrically heated cigarette of Claim 14, wherein the film has a thickness of less than about 150 microns.

17. (Previously Presented) The electrically heated cigarette of Claim 14, which comprises up to about 20% of the film by weight, based on the total weight of tobacco in the electrically heated cigarette.

18. (Previously Presented) The electrically heated cigarette of Claim 14, wherein the film comprises up to about 20% of the flavoring by weight.

19. (Original) The electrically heated cigarette of Claim 14, wherein the film is in shredded form.

20. (Original) The electrically heated cigarette of Claim 14, wherein the minimum temperature is about 50°C, and the film is disposed in at least one location in the electrically heated cigarette that reaches at least about 50°C during smoking of the cigarette.

21. (Previously Presented) The electrically heated cigarette of Claim 14, wherein the film is disposed in a tobacco plug, on an inner wrap surrounding the tobacco plug, on the tobacco-containing mat, and/or on an over wrap surrounding the mat.

22. (Previously Presented) The electrically heated cigarette of Claim 1, wherein the flavoring-release additive is an inclusion complex that comprises a host molecule and the flavoring as a guest molecule.

23. (Original) The electrically heated cigarette of Claim 22, wherein the host molecule is beta-cyclodextrin.

24. (Previously Presented) The electrically heated cigarette of Claim 22, which comprises less than about 15% of the inclusion complex by weight, based on the weight of an over wrap and/or the tobacco-containing mat.

25. (Previously Presented) The electrically heated cigarette of Claim 24, wherein the inclusion complex comprises up to about 20% of the flavoring by weight.

26. (Original) The electrically heated cigarette of Claim 22, wherein the minimum temperature is about 60°C, and the inclusion complex is disposed in at least one location in the electrically heated cigarette that reaches at least about 60°C during smoking of the cigarette.

27. (Previously Presented) The electrically heated cigarette of Claim 22, wherein the flavoring-release additive is disposed on an inner wrap surrounding a tobacco plug, on the tobacco-containing mat, and/or on an over wrap surrounding the mat.

28. (Canceled).

29. (Previously Presented) The electrically heated cigarette of Claim 1, wherein the free-flow filter includes fibers having a length from about 10 microns to about 200 microns.

30. (Original) The electrically heated cigarette of Claim 28, wherein the fibers are impregnated with at least one sorbent.

31. (Previously Presented) A method of making an electrically heated cigarette according to Claim 1, the method comprising:
attaching the tobacco rod to a filter.

32. (Currently Amended) A method of smoking the electrically heated cigarette of Claim 1, the method comprising:

heating a portion of the electrically heated cigarette with an electrically heated heating element without igniting combustion of the tobacco-containing mat to generate mainstream smoke; and
releasing the flavoring from the flavoring-release additive by drawing the mainstream smoke through the electrically heated cigarette.

33. (Currently Amended) An electrical smoking system, comprising:
a lighter having electrically heated heating elements; and

at least one electrically heated cigarette including:

 a tobacco rod including a free-flow filter and a tobacco-containing mat having a tubular form;

 at least one sorbent; and

 a flavoring-release additive including at least one flavoring,
 wherein the flavoring is releasable from the flavoring-release additive by
 heating a portion of the electrically heated cigarette with one of the heating elements
 to at least a minimum temperature within the electrical smoking system that
 generates tobacco smoke without igniting-combustion of the tobacco-containing mat.

34. (Currently Amended) An electrically heated cigarette for an electrical smoking system, comprising:

 a tobacco rod including a free-flow filter and a tobacco-containing mat having a tubular form;

 at least one sorbent; and

 at least one flavoring release additive in a form selected from the group consisting of beads, a film, and an inclusion complex,
 wherein each flavoring-release additive includes at least one flavoring,
 wherein the flavoring is releasable from the flavoring-release additive by heating the electrically heated cigarette to at least a minimum temperature within the electrical smoking system that generates tobacco smoke without igniting-combustion of the tobacco-containing mat.

35. (Previously Presented) The electrically heated cigarette of Claim 34, which comprises at least two flavoring-release additives in the form of beads, a film, and/or an inclusion complex, each flavoring-release additive having a different minimum temperature at which the flavoring is released during smoking of the electrically heated cigarette.

36. (Previously Presented) A method of making an electrically heated cigarette according to Claim 34, the method comprising:
attaching the tobacco rod to a filter.

37. (Currently Amended) A method of smoking the electrically heated cigarette of Claim 34, the method comprising:
heating a portion of the electrically heated cigarette without igniting combustion of the tobacco-containing mat to generate mainstream smoke; and
releasing the flavoring from the flavoring-release additive by drawing the mainstream smoke through the electrically heated cigarette.

38. (Previously Presented) The electrical smoking system of Claim 33, wherein the lighter has a plurality of electrical resistance heating elements that sequentially heat the electrically heated cigarette.

39. (Previously Presented) The electrically heated cigarette of Claim 1, wherein the electrically heated cigarette includes:

a tobacco plug surrounded by an inner wrap, wherein the tobacco mat surrounds the tobacco plug;
the free-flow filter;
a void between the tobacco plug and the free-flow filter; and
an outer wrap surrounding the tobacco mat and the free-flow filter.